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<u>AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:</u>

Claims 1-4 (Canceled).

5. (Currently Amended) A biomedical information collection apparatus, comprising:

(a) a plurality of closed compartments, spaced apart and made of an airtight

flexible material, each of the closed compartments having a variable internal volume; a

spring member placed inside of each of the closed compartments;

(b) a plurality of closed air pressure sensors each including one or more of a

non-directional microphone or a pressure sensor, the closed air pressure sensors in

communication with respective closed compartments for detecting and converting air

pressure in each of the closed compartments into an electric signal; and

(c) a plate-shaped member placed on the plurality of closed compartments, such

compartments, such that when a living organism is placed on the plate-shaped member

placed on the plurality of closed compartments while air remains in the closed

compartments and in the closed air pressure sensors, the air pressure in the closed

compartments is detected by the respective non-directional microphones and by the air

pressure sensors to measure biomedical information including breath, heart rate, and

body movements including a cough and a snore of the living organism;

wherein a microscopic pinhole is provided in each of the closed compartments to

establish an air leak countermeasure to minimize an influence upon the non-directional

microphones and pressure sensors.

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Claims 6-13 (Canceled).

14. (Currently Amended) The biomedical information collection apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the non-directional microphones and <u>air</u> pressure sensors are mounted inside of each respective closed compartment.

15. (Currently Amended) The biomedical information collection apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the non-directional microphones and air pressure sensors are mounted at an end portion of a hose connected to the closed compartments.

16. (New) The biomedical information collection apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the plate member is rigid.

- 17. (New) The biomedical information collection apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the plate member is rigid.
- 18. (New) The biomedical information collection apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the plate member is rigid.